

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Günter BAUR et al.

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For: ELECTROOPTICAL LIQUID CRYSTAL SWITCHING ELEMENT

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**RESPONSE**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Responsive to the Office Action of January 7, 2000, please amend the above-application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claim 36 in its entirety without prejudice.

D 1) 20. (Amended) An electro-optical display device comprising a plurality of liquid crystal switching elements which comprise a liquid crystal layer comprising liquid crystal molecules and having a surface for display of an image which is switched under control of an electric field having a component predominantly parallel to said surface, wherein said liquid crystal molecules have a pretilt angle  $\alpha_0$ ,  $0^\circ \leq \alpha_0 < 30^\circ$  [.] and an orientation angle  $\beta_0$ ,  $0^\circ < \beta_0 < 90^\circ$ .

D 2) 49 90. (Amended) A liquid crystal switching element comprising a liquid crystal layer comprising liquid crystal molecules and having a surface for display of an image which is switched under control of an electric field having a component predominantly parallel to said surface, wherein said liquid crystal molecules have a pretilt angle  $\alpha_0$ ,  $0^\circ \leq \alpha_0 < 30^\circ$  [.] and an orientation angle  $\beta_0$ ,  $0^\circ < \beta_0 < 90^\circ$ .